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Serial No.: 09/871,353 )  
Filed: May 30, 2001 )  
For: Functionalized Thiophene Oligomers ) Via Facsimile (703) 872-9306  
and Their Use As Fluorescent )  
Markers ) Pasadena, California

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-7, for prosecution on the merits. Additionally, Applicant reserves the right to rejoin one or more of claims 8-13, which are not elected, should patentable patent matter be found in the elected claims.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes that all pending claims, claims 1-7, are now in condition for examination and such examination is hereby requested. If, however, there remain any issues which can be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

If an extension of time is required, such extension is hereby requested. No fee is believed due in connection with this communication. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any applicable fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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